

WE ARE ALL CATHOLICS, SAYS FRENCH AUTHOR

Charles Morice Sees Necessity of Returning to Spirit of Middle Ages.

EXMITY AGAINST CHURCH

Cure Fined for Attacking in Sermon the Sale of Religious Property.

PARIS, July 13. Charles Morice, whose book "Sho Is Arisen" in which he described the experiences of a first world war veteran, is one of the latest representatives of intellectual France to proclaim conversion to Catholicism. He is another instance of the reaction that is going on here against materialism, of which the intense and growing interest in Henri Bergson's metaphysics and philosophy is one of the most explicit manifestations. Morice's conversion might hardly seem the orthodox, but it is a long way from the atheism he preached not many years ago. In discussing the recrudescence of his faith, for he was born of Catholic parents, he says:

"Today we are all Catholics for we all agree upon the possibility of religion. The trouble with the Catholic schools is that they too often fail to teach the beauty of their faith. Utility and beauty are two archangels whom atheism has separated. The Catholic religion must reunite them. My Catholicism is more ancient than Jesus, for you can find it in Sophocles' 'Oedipus at Colonus' who was redeemed by voluntary resignation to suffering to proclaiming evangelical truth. Hellenism and Catholicism are identical."

"Materialism is a child of the Renaissance. The Reformation and the Renaissance have caused similar evils; they have produced individualism and disunion. We need to return to the spirit of the Middle Ages, the spirit of collectivity, wherein all was sacrificed for the good of all. We need the religion of heroism. It is that which I shall preach to the end of my days: A new Renaissance that shall overcome the evil evoked by the old."

CURE FINED FOR HIS SERMON.

Only occasionally does an incident occur to recall the struggle between the Church and the State in France, from which the Church has emerged poorer but unquestionably more influential. A story comes from Brittany, where the Church always had the strongest hold. M. Logoff, a seigneurialist, bought last October church property valued at \$10,000 for \$1,400 from the liquidator. The cure of Languidic denounced the transaction in a sermon and for this he was arrested and fined \$200 by the civil authorities. A violent local dispute then arose and resulted in the Viscount Kerret, son of the Mayor of Languidic, and a supporter of the Church, being fined and imprisoned. M. Logoff, feeling that he was nearing his end, summoned the cure last Friday and offered to restore the property to the Church if he were reimbursed for the full amount he had paid. The proposition was accepted and the papers of transfer were drawn. The next day M. Logoff died. The whole local clergy attended his funeral.

SURE DEATH TO LOCUSTS.

A young French doctor, D'Herville, has reported the discovery of a successful method of fighting the locust plague. While in Mexico in 1910 he observed that there was an epidemic among the locusts which was killing them by the thousands. He succeeded in discovering the bacillus that caused the epidemic and then injected a South American State to test his remedy. Swarms of locusts that were kept between barriers were exterminated within a week after they had eaten grass which had been sprinkled with Dr. D'Herville's remedy. The locusts then spread the disease to a great distance in a short time and dead locusts were found thirty miles from the sprinkled grass plot a week after the experiment. Forty days later dead locusts were found as far away as 250 miles. This spring Dr. D'Herville visited La Rioja, Argentine Republic, where immense swarms of young locusts threatened a plague worse than any ever before experienced there. Miles were used to carry the disease-spreading liquid to be sprinkled over the fields. Three weeks later only one living swarm of locusts was to be found in the entire district. Cattle and sheep are not harmed by eating the sprinkled grass.

FRANCE CONTINUES CAMEL DISCOVERY.

Confirmation of the success of the experiments of Dr. Alexis Carrel of the Rockefeller Institute in locating tissues alive when separated from the organism reached the Academy of Medicine this week in a paper read by Pierre Marie, describing researches by Drs. Marinaccio and Minna, Bucharest scientists who followed Dr. Carrel's methods. They placed fragments of the ganglia of rabbits and kittens in the plasma from the same animals. The same phenomena was recorded as had been observed by Dr. Carrel. Filaments of various lengths grew from the fragments, the smaller fragments being more prolific than the larger ones. Life remained in the fragments for twenty-seven days.

CRISIS IN FASHIONS.

The connection between the Ministry of Commerce and the question of tight skirts is not immediately apparent, yet Ferdinand David was interviewed on the skirt question this week. When asked for his opinion as to the cause of the crisis marking the dressmaking and jewelry fashion he said:

"There are many causes. Competition is the first. Foreigners formerly sought French models, but today the opposite occurs. Our great dressmakers imported jupes-culottes from America, and when these failed they imported narrow skirts, which they modified, but which never won the stamp of French approval. Tariffs are another cause. However, you can look with confidence at a coming reduction of tariffs, at least as far as the United States is concerned. Whatever may result from the election this autumn, the President of the American Chamber of Commerce tells me he has every reason to believe that an understanding as to a reduction of the tariff will soon be reached."

RUSH TO THE SEASIDE.

A rush sea in this week for Trouville, Deauville and other coast resorts. Deauville's new hotel and casino are the latest attractions to the watering place, near which Mr. and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt have a beautiful chateau. The demand for villas here is greatly exceeding the supply. An American who tried to rent one for the season, which

OPEN AIR PLAY GIVEN BY MEMBERS OF THE PARIS OPERA COMIQUE



An open air performance was given recently in the Parc d'Emmenonville in Paris by the company of the Opera Comique. The play was "Le Devin du Village," by Jean Jacques Rousseau. With the sylvan setting and the costumes of the period worn by the players the spectacle was like a picture by Watteau. The production was applauded as an artistic success.

POLICE WILL REGULATE

BERLIN BARGAIN SALES

Herr von Jagow to See That Buyers Are Not Victims of Fraud.

HEARTY PUBLIC APPROVAL

Germany Determined to Down Pro-French Agitation in Alsace-Lorraine.

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How many came to see the race, how many came to bet, or how many came for both purposes cannot of course be told, but the pari-mutuel books handled \$1,012,241, of which \$40,500 was placed on the big race. It must of course be borne in mind when reading of these amounts wagered on a single day that they do not represent a net sum taken to the races and placed on horses, for a man with a \$2 bet on the first race may win enough to allow him to bet on all succeeding races and at the end of the day he may have wagered some hundred dollars on an initial outlay of \$2. Nevertheless the sums wagered at the pari-mutuel betting booths reach high figures.

In 1887 betting in France had become so widespread among the working classes that the Government prohibited any

betting except between individuals who knew each other personally. The receipts at the race courses were at once lowered and the interest in horse breeding fell to such a degree that the Government began to fear the effect on its supply for cavalry. In four years it was decided to allow betting by the pari-mutuel or totalisator system. Ever since its introduction receipts at the pari-mutuel have steadily increased, as is shown by the following figures of the sums staked at the Paris race courses:

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